

Visions Of The Frontier **Worksheet: Interpreting Historians**

The historian Frederick Jackson Turner helped redefine the way Americans view the impact of westward expansion on the national character. Read the two quotations below and follow the instructions to evaluate Turner's statements.

“There has not been one West in American history; there has been a series of Wests.”

– Frederick Jackson Turner

“The frontier is the outer wave of expansion, the meeting point between savagery and civilization.”

– Frederick Jackson Turner

Think about the meanings of the two quotations above. **Choose one, and then decide if you agree or disagree with that particular assertion by Turner.** On the back of this page, write a paragraph of at least 6 or 7 sentences explaining why you agree or disagree with Turner. Use historical details and analysis to support your opinion.

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In the space below, write one paragraph (at least 6 to 7 sentences) **agreeing** or **disagreeing** with one of Turner's quotations:

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